

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/864,084

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Samson B. Lemma

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed on 03/06/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-17, 19-23 and 31-45.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 03/06/2006
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### ***DETAILED ACTION***

1. The request filed March 06, 2006 for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on patent application 09/864,084 is acceptable and an RCE has been established. Accordingly, **claims 10-17, 19-23 and 31-45** are pending and have been examined. The RCE is filed in response to the examiner's answer written on February 10, 2006.
2. **New claims 39-45** have been added of which claims **39 and 40** are independent claims. **New claims 41-45** depends on the new independent claim 40.
3. **Claims 1-9, 18 and 24-30** have been canceled.
4. New IDS (Information Disclosure Statement) have been filed concurrently with this application. As the result the new filed IDS have also been considered.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. **Claims 10-17, 19-23 and 31-45** are allowed..
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
7.
  - **Referring to the independent claim 10** the art on the record, namely **Philyaw discloses** most of the limitation of the claim **such as**, a method of authenticating permission to access a system comprising:  
  
receiving a request to enter the system, the request including at least a validation key; determining whether the validation key is valid, wherein the validation key comprises a time stamp and said determining determines whether the time stamp comprises a predetermined format.  
  
However the art on the record is silent about the limitation that the allowing access to the system is based on a determination of said determining.

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- **Referring to the independent claim 20** the art on the record, namely Philyaw discloses most of the limitation of the claim such as, a method of authenticating permission to access a system via the internet, said method comprising: receiving a request to enter the system, the request including at least a validation key.

However the art on the record is silent about the limitation that determining whether the validation key has been previously received; and allowing access to the system based on a determination of said determining.

- **Referring to the new independent claim 39, the claim limitation is similar/same as that of the independent claim 20 and encloses the same limitation** of determining whether the validation key has been previously received; and allowing access to the system based on a determination of said determining which is not explicitly taught/disclosed by the reference on the record namely Philyaw. All the rest of the limitation in the claim has been disclosed by the Philyaw reference.

- **Referring to the independent claims 31 and 38** the art on the record, namely Philyaw discloses most of the limitation of the claims as recited in the respective claims such as, a method of operating a computer server, the computer server to communicate with at least one user terminal, said method comprising:  
receiving an identifier from the user terminal;  
identifying a pointer associated with the identifier; determining whether the pointer is a predetermined class, and

if the predetermined class, generating a validation key, and

communicating the pointer and validation key to the user terminal.

However, the Philyaw reference is silent about the limitation that if not the predetermined class, communicating the pointer to the user terminal.

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- **Referring to the new independent claim 40, the claim limitation is similar/same as that of the independent claim 31 and encloses similar limitation** that if no correspondence to the predetermined type, communicating the pointer to the user device which is not explicitly taught/disclosed by the reference on the record namely Philyaw. All the rest of the limitation in the claim has been disclosed by the Philyaw reference.

None of the prior art of record taken singularly or in combination teaches or suggests the limitations discloses in the respective independent claims 10, 20, 31, and 38-40 with a corresponding particular functional limitation recited above.

For the reasons provided above, the independent claims **10, 20, 31 and 38-40, are found to be novel and are allowed.**

8. **The dependent claims 11-17, 19 , 21-23 ,32-37 and 41-45** being further limiting to the independent claims 10, 20, 31 and 38-40, definite and enabled by the specification are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samson B Lemma whose telephone number is 571-272-3806. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 am---4: 30 pm).

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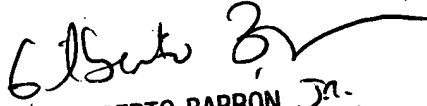
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BARRON JR GILBERTO can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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